

REMARKS

Claims 37, 39-40 and 42-56 remain in the present application. Claims 22-30 and 32-36 were cancelled, without prejudice. New claims 43-56 have been added in this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 37, 39-40 and 42 were indicated as allowable over the prior art of record.

Claims 22-30 and 32-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawan* (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,532) in view of *Terranova* (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,879) and further in view of *Rosen* (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,423) and further in view of *Albert et al.* (US Patent No. 5,991,410). In light of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection and respectfully request the withdrawal thereof.

Independent claim 37 was deemed allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, new independent claim 43 has been introduced that incorporates the allowable matter of 37 in method form. Claims 44-56 each depend directly and indirectly from claim 43. In light of the present amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 37 and 43 of the present application, as well as all claims that respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any additional fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from deposit account number 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112740-194) on the account statement.

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